Individuals seeking licensure as a guidance and school counselor shall obtain a Master's degree or higher. Individuals holding a Master's degree in an area of licensure other than guidance and school counseling shall complete an ADE approved graduate, non-degree program of study in guidance and school counseling. In addition to the Arkansas Teaching Standards, School Counselors in grades K-12 shall demonstrate knowledge and competencies in the following areas:

1. Knowledge	Standard 1 - possess the knowledge, abilities, skills and attitudes
	necessary to plan, organize, implement and evaluate a
CACREP: A1, A2, A3, A4, A5,	comprehensive, developmental, results-based school counseling
A6, A7, C1, C2, C4, C5, C6, E1,	program that aligns with the ASCA National Model
E2, E4, G1, G2, I4, K2, O1, O2,	
O5, M1, M2, M3, M5, M6, M7	1.1 Ability to understand the organizational structure and governance of the American educational system as well as
ASCA: I-A	cultural, political and social influences on current educational practices
Praxis II (5421): IA, IC, ID, IIB	1.2 Ability to understand the organizational structure and qualities of an effective school counseling program that aligns with the ASCA National Model
	1.3 Ability to understand impediments to student learning and use of advocacy and data-driven school counseling -practices to act effectively in closing the achievement/opportunity gap
	1.4 Knowledge of leadership principles and theories
	1.5 Ability to understand individual counseling, group counseling and classroom guidance programs ensuring equitable access to resources that promote academic achievement; personal, social and emotional development; and career development including the identification of appropriate post secondary education for
	the identification of appropriate post-secondary education for every student
	1.6 Ability to understand collaborations with stakeholders such as parents and guardians, teachers, administrators and community leaders to create learning environments that promote educational equity and success for every student
	1.7 Ability to understand legal, ethical and professional issues in pre-K–12 schools
	1.8 Knowledge of developmental theory, learning theories, social justice theory, multiculturalism, counseling theories and career counseling theories
	1.9 Ability to understand the continuum of mental health services, including prevention and intervention strategies to enhance student success
2. Foundations	Standard 2: - possess the knowledge, abilities, skills and attitudes necessary to establish the foundations of a school counseling
CACREP: A1, A2, A5, A6, C1,	program aligning with the ASCA National Model
	2.1 Ability to understand beliefs and philosophy of the school

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C2, C3, C5, E1, E3, G3, I4, K1, K2, K3, O3, M1, M4	counseling program that align with current school improvement and student success initiatives at the school,
	district and state level
ASCA: II-A	2.2 Knowledge of educational systems, philosophies and theories and current trends in education, including federal and state
Praxis II (5421): IA, IB, IC, ID	legislation
	2.3 Knowledge of learning theories
	2.4 Knowledge of history and purpose of school counseling, including traditional and transformed roles of school
	counselors
	2.5 Knowledge of human development theories and developmental issues affecting student success
	2.6 Ability to understand district, state and national student standards and competencies, including ASCA Student
	Standards 2.7 Ability to understand legal and ethical standards and principles of the school counseling profession and educational systems,
	including district and building policies
	2.8 Knowledge of three domains of academic achievement, career
	planning, and personal and social development
3. Delivery	Standard 3 - possess the knowledge, abilities, skills and attitudes
CACRED AZ CL CO CA CC CC	necessary to deliver a school counseling program aligning with the
CACREP: A7, C1, C2, C4, C5, C6,	ASCA National Model
E1, E2, E3, E4, G1, G2, G3, K1, K2, K3, O3, O5, M6, M7	3.1 Ability to understand the concept of a school counseling core curriculum
112, 113, 03, 03, 1110, 1117	3.2 Ability to understand counseling theories and techniques that
ASCA: III-A	work in school, such as solution-focused brief counseling,
	reality therapy, cognitive-behavioral therapy
Praxis II (5421): IIA	3.3 Knowledge of counseling theories and techniques in different settings, such as individual planning, group counseling and classroom guidance
	3.4 Ability to understand classroom management
	3.5 Knowledge of principles of career planning and college
	admissions, including financial aid and athletic eligibility
	3.6 Knowledge of principles of working with various student
	populations based on ethnic and racial background, English
	language proficiency, special needs, religion, gender and
	income
	3.7 Ability to understand responsive services3.8 Ability to understand crisis counseling, including grief and
	bereavement
4. Management	Standard 4 - possess the knowledge, abilities, skills and attitudes
CACREP: I4, I5, M1, M2, M3,	necessary to manage a school counseling program aligning with the
M5, M7, O1, O2, O4, O5	ASCA National Model 4.1 Ability to understand leadership principles, including sources
ASCA: IVA	of power and authority, and formal and informal leadership
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Praxis II (5421): IIA, III	4.2 Ability to understand organization theory to facilitate
	advocacy, collaboration and systemic change
	4.3 Ability to understand use of presentation skills for programs
	such as teacher in-services and results reports to school boards
	4.4 Ability to understand data-driven decision making
	4.5 Ability to understand current and emerging technologies such
	as use of the Internet, Web-based resources and management
5. Accountability	information systems Standard 5 masses the knowledge chilities skills and attitudes
5. Accountability	Standard 5 - possess the knowledge, abilities, skills and attitudes necessary to monitor and evaluate the processes and results of a
CACREP: I1, I2, I3, I4, I5, O3	school counseling program aligning with the ASCA National
	Model
ASCA: VA	5.1 Ability to understand the basic concept of results-based school
Praxis II (5421): IV	counseling and accountability issues
114AIS II (3 121). 1 V	5.2 Ability to understand basic research and statistical concepts to
	read and conduct research
	5.3 Ability to use data to evaluate program effectiveness and to
	determine program needs
	5.4 Ability to understand program audits and results reports
6. Assessment and Evaluation	Standard 6 - possess an understanding of research methods,
	statistical analysis, and program evaluation, including all of the
CACREP: G3, I3, I4, I5	following
ASCA: IVA, VA	6.1 Knowledge of historical perspectives concerning the nature
·	and meaning of assessment
Praxis II (5421): IC, IIA	6.2 Knowledge of basic concepts of standardized and non-
	standardized testing and other assessment techniques,
	including norm-referenced and criterion-referenced
	assessment, environmental assessment, performance
	assessment, individual and group test and inventory methods,
	psychological testing, and behavioral observations 6.3 Knowledge of statistical concepts, including scales of
	measurement, measures of central tendency, reliability,
	validity, indices of variability, shapes and types of
	distributions, and correlations
	6.4 Ability to understand social and cultural factors related to the
	assessment and evaluation of individuals, groups, and specific
	populations
	6.5 Ability to understand ethical strategies for selecting,
	administering, and interpreting assessment and evaluation
	instruments and techniques in counseling
7. Academic Development	Standard 7- possess an understanding of the relationship between
	the academic program and student achievement:
CACREP: K1, K2, K3,	7.1 Ability to understand the relationship of the school counseling
ASCA: IA, IIA, IIIA	program to the academic mission of the school
	7.2 Ability to understand the concepts, principles, strategies,

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Praxis II (5421): IIB	programs, and practices designed to close the achievement gap, promote student academic success, and prevent students from dropping out of school 7.3 Ability to understand curriculum design, lesson plan development, classroom management strategies, and differentiated instructional strategies
8. Collaboration and	Standard 8 - possess an understanding of the relationships the
Consultation	educational system has with its various stakeholders including all of
CACDED M1 M2 M2 M4 M5	the following
CACREP:M1, M2, M3, M4, M5,	8.1 Ability to understand the ways in which student development, well-being, and learning are enhanced by family-school-
M7	community collaboration
ASCA: IA, IIIA, IVA	8.2 Knowledge of strategies to promote, develop, and enhance
Praxis II (5421): IIA	effective teamwork within the school and the larger
	community
	8.3 Knowledge of how to build effective working teams of school staff, parents, and community members to promote the
	academic, career, and personal/social development of students
	8.4 Ability to understand systems theories, models, and processes
	of consultation in school system settings
	8.5 Knowledge of strategies and methods for working with
	parents, guardians, families, and communities to empower them to act on behalf of their children
	8.6 Ability to understand the various peer programming
	interventions (e.g., peer meditation, peer mentoring, and peer
	tutoring) and how to coordinate them
	8.7 Knowledge of school and community collaboration models for
	crisis/disaster preparedness and response
9. Professional Practice	Standard 9 - provides for the application of theory and the
	development of counseling skills under supervision. These experiences will provide opportunities to counsel age appropriate
	individuals who represent the ethnic and demographic population
	they intend to serve
	9.1 Practicum – students must complete supervised practicum
	experiences that total a minimum of 100 clock hours over a
	minimum 10 week academic term to include the following
	At least 40 clock hours of direct service with grade appropriate individuals they intend to serve that contributes
	to the development of counseling skills
	Weekly interaction that averages one hour per week of
	individual and/or triadic supervision throughout the
	practicum by a program faculty member, a student
	supervisor, or a site supervisor which is working in
	biweekly consultation with a program faculty member in accordance with the supervision contract
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- An average of 1 ½ hours per week of group supervision that is provided on a regular schedule throughout the practicum by a program faculty member of a student supervisor
- The development of program-appropriate audio/video recordings for use in supervision or live supervision of the student's interaction with grade appropriate individuals they intend to serve
- Evaluation of the student's counseling performance throughout the practicum, including documentation of a formal evaluation after the student completes the practicum
- 9.2 Internship completion of a supervised internship in the student's designated program area of 600 clock hours, begun after successful completion of the practicum. The internship is intended to reflect the comprehensive work experience of a professional school counselor appropriate to the designated program area. Each student's internship includes all of the following
 - At least 240 clock hours of direct service, including experience leading groups
 - Weekly interaction that averages one hour per week of individual and/or triadic supervision throughout the internship, usually performed by the onsite supervisor
 - An average of 1½ hours per week of group supervision provided on a regular schedule throughout the internship and performed by a program faculty member
 - The opportunity for the student to become familiar with a variety of professional activities and resources in addition to direct service (e.g., record keeping, assessment instruments, supervision, information and referral, inservice and staff meetings)
 - The opportunity for the student to develop programappropriate audio/video recordings for use in supervision or to receive live supervision of his or her interactions with grade appropriate individuals they intend to serve
 - Evaluation of the student's counseling performance throughout the internship, including documentation of a formal evaluation after the student completes the internship by a program faculty member in consultation with the site supervisor